

# Senate Study Bill 1255

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION BILL BY  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring successful completion of certain examinations  
2 prior to licensure and endorsement by the board of educational  
3 examiners and providing for related matters and an effective  
4 date.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 272.2, Code 2005, is amended by adding  
1 2 the following new subsection:  
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. Require, prior to issuance of an  
1 4 initial license, successful completion of the Praxis II  
1 5 examination for knowledge of pedagogies and successful  
1 6 completion of an examination of licensure=specific teaching  
1 7 skills by each individual who applies for an initial license.  
1 8 Prior to issuing a new endorsement to a practitioner who holds  
1 9 a valid license, the board shall require successful completion  
1 10 of an endorsement=specific examination of teaching skills by  
1 11 the practitioner. The board shall ensure that the applicant  
1 12 is a qualified practitioner by establishing by rule the scores  
1 13 necessary to successfully complete an examination required  
1 14 pursuant to this subsection. The board shall also adopt rules  
1 15 establishing the conditions under which the examination  
1 16 requirements for issuance of an initial license may be waived  
1 17 for an individual holding a valid practitioner license issued  
1 18 by another state.  
1 19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE == ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR  
1 20 TEACHING SKILLS ASSESSMENTS. The board of educational  
1 21 examiners shall adopt rules pursuant to section 1 of this Act  
1 22 in final form no later than October 1, 2005.

1 23 EXPLANATION  
1 24 This bill requires individuals to successfully complete an  
1 25 examination prior to receiving an initial license or new  
1 26 endorsement from the board of educational examiners.  
1 27 Applicants for an initial practitioner license must  
1 28 successfully complete the Praxis II examination for knowledge  
1 29 of pedagogies and an examination of licensure=specific  
1 30 teaching skills. A practitioner who holds a valid license  
1 31 must successfully complete an endorsement=specific examination  
1 32 of teaching skills.

1 33 The board is directed to ensure that applicants are  
1 34 qualified practitioners by establishing by rule the scores  
1 35 necessary to successfully complete an examination. The board  
2 1 must also adopt rules establishing the conditions under which  
2 2 the examination requirements for issuance of an initial  
2 3 license may be waived for a practitioner licensed by another  
2 4 state. The board must adopt rules required under the bill in  
2 5 final form no later than October 1, 2005.

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